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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 8224

Toru SUZUKI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2001 0554A

Serial No. 09/854,528 : Group Art Unit 1731

Filed May 15, 2001 : Examiner John M. Hoffmann

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MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF Mail Stop Amendment

AMENDMENT

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNTING, 23-0975.

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 29, 2006, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: